

NEWS

Treasurer and Tax Collector Mark J. Saladino

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Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, reminds property owners that the first installment of the 2008-2009 property taxes becomes delinquent if not paid by Wednesday, December 10, 2008. To avoid the assessment of late penalties, payments must be received by 5:00 p.m. or United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked before midnight, December 10, 2008. "To avoid late penalties, taxpayers should not wait until the statutory deadline; please pay early" says Treasurer and Tax Collector Saladino.

Taxpayers who send their payments by mail are cautioned that the Post Office often does not postmark envelopes on the day they are deposited in the mail. If mailing on or near the December 10 delinquency date, be sure to obtain a hand cancellation or Certificate of Mailing from the Post Office. Only official USPS postmarks are acceptable as proof of mailing; the date shown by a postage meter or electronic postage is not legally acceptable as proof of mailing.

To ensure proper processing of payments, make checks payable to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector and include the appropriate first installment payment stub marked "1". Substitute bills can be obtained from the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office or any local Assessor's Office.

The amount due on any parcel can also be obtained from the Treasurer and Tax Collector's website at http://ttc.lacounty.gov, or call the toll-free Property Tax Information Line at 1(888) 807-2111, where automated information is available 24 hours a day.

With a free service called V-check, taxpayers can pay online by going to the Treasurer and Tax Collector's website at http://ttc.lacounty.gov, or to the property tax web portal at lacountypropertytax.com. To pay online, simply fill out an electronic check with the required information. Once a V-check payment is made online, the taxpayer will receive a confirmation page which can be printed for their records. It's safe, secure and there is no fee for this service.

Additionally, American Express, Master Card and Visa payments are accepted. No pre-registration is required. To make a credit card payment, call toll-free 1(888) 473-0835. A service fee is charged by a third party vendor to utilize this service. When property owners have completed the transaction, a confirmation number will be provided as verification of payment.

Payments can be made in person at the following location:

Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Los Angeles, California 90012

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Beginning December 1, 2008 through December 10, 2008, Treasurer and Tax Collector personnel will also receive payments at the Lancaster Office. The address is noted below. Personnel will be available to resolve tax problems, provide substitute tax bills and Statement of Prior Year Taxes. All payments must be made by check or money order. No cash payments can be accepted at this location.

Treasurer and Tax Collector 335A East Avenue K-6 Lancaster, California 93535

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday